

Florence, New Jersey
January 17, 2007

The Florence Township Council held a regular meeting on the above date in the Municipal Complex, 711 Broad Street, Florence, New Jersey.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Baldorossi at 8:00 PM. President Baldorossi led the Salute to the Flag.

The following statement was read by the Township Clerk: "Notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice was published in the Burlington County Times on January 7, 2007; given to the Register News for information. Notice was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board."

Upon roll call the following were found to be present:

Frank Baldorossi, President
John Fratinardo
Bruce Garganio
Elizabeth Ryan
Jerry Sandusky

Also present:

Mayor Michael Muchowski; Richard Brook, Township Administrator; Thomas Sahol, Assistant Municipal Administrator; Dante Guzzi, Township Engineer; Jack Vassallo, Township Solicitor; Joy M. Weiler, Township Clerk

PRESENTATION: STREET NAMES – BUSTLETON ESTATES SO.

Council President Baldorossi stated that it was with great pleasure that he, on behalf of the Mayor and Township Council, was announcing this evening that two (2) new streets in the Township of Florence are being dedicated in honor of two (2) great men of Florence Township:

- ❖ Governor of NJ: Chief Justice Richard J. Hughes
- ❖ Judge Paul R. Kramer

Council President Baldorossi explained that each Resolution would be presented separately. Anyone wishing to speak regarding the new street names would be given the opportunity to do so after both Resolutions are approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-32

**APPROVE STREET NAME APPLICATION FOR
ORLEANS HOMEBUILDERS, INC.
BUSTLETON ESTATES SOUTH
BLOCK 170, LOT 1.01**

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It was on the MOTION of Fratinardo, seconded by Ryan that Resolution 2007-32 be approved.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Fratinardo, Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-33

**APPROVE STREET NAME APPLICATION FOR
ORLEANS HOMEBUILDERS, INC.
BUSTLETON ESTATES SOUTH
BLOCK 170, LOT 1.01**

It was on the MOTION of Ryan, seconded by Fratinardo that Resolution 2007-33 be approved.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Fratinardo, Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

Comments from Family

Kathy Kramer Nelson, from the State of Louisiana, expressed her appreciation to the governing body and stated that her father and mother would have been thrilled. The Kramer family would love to plant a tree in her father's honor, which could be arranged at a later date. She thanked the governing body.

On behalf of Richard J. Hughes and Hughes Court, John Hughes, son of Chief Justice Richard J. Hughes, stated that his father would be delighted that he is sharing this honor with Judge Kramer, a man he admired. Mr. Hughes introduced the members of his family in attendance this evening: his son Adam; his brother Brian and his wife Claudia; his cousin Jane and her husband Eddie; his cousin George and his wife Nancy; his brother Michael Murphy and Judge Sweeney, a close family friend. Mr. Hughes thanked Mayor and Council.

Brian Hughes, son of Chief Justice Richard J. Hughes, thanked Mayor and Council for this honor. His father talked often of the fond memories he had of his hometown, Florence

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Township. As the County Executive of Mercer County, Mr. Hughes presented Mayor and Council with a Proclamation. He thanked the governing body.

Sam Kramer, stated how honored his family is. He looks forward to driving on Kramer Drive and will do so with a smile on his face.

Council Member Ryan thanked Mayor and Council for supporting this initiative, previously for fallen veterans who have paid the ultimate sacrifice and now for honoring some great people of Florence Township. She stated that it was Mayor and Council's honor to honor these gentlemen.

Mayor Muchowski reviewed the history of Chief Justice Richard J. Hughes, who was born in Florence Township. A small boy from Florence Township rose to the highest elected position in New Jersey as the 45th governor of the State of New Jersey serving from 1962 to 1970 and then became the Chief Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court serving from 1973 to 1979. Mayor Muchowski stated that it is an honor and a privilege to honor Chief Justice Richard J. Hughes. He thanked the members of the Hughes family for attending this evening.

Mayor Muchowski grew up with the Kramer family and has shared a tremendous amount of time together as friends. It was a sad day when Judge Kramer passed away and also when Mrs. Kramer passed away. This is not only a tribute to Judge Kramer and Mrs. Kramer but to the entire family. Mayor Muchowski recalled fond memories of the family. Mayor Muchowski stated that it is an honor for him personally to honor Judge Kramer. He thanked the Kramer family for allowing the governing body to share in this honor this evening.

RECESS: 8:25PM

MEETING RESUMED: 8:30PM

MINUTES

Sandusky made a MOTION; seconded by Garganio to approve the following minutes. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

Regular Session	December 20, 2006
Executive Session	December 13, 2006
Closed Session	December 6, 2006, December 13, 2006, December 20, 2006
Reorganization	January 3, 2007

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

It was on the MOTION of Ryan; seconded by Sandusky to receive and file the Court Administrator's report and Township Clerk's report for December. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

Ryan made a MOTION; seconded by Sandusky to approve the Treasurer's Bill List. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE

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Nothing at this time.

APPLICATIONS

- A. Catering Permit: Knights of Columbus, Holy Assumption McGrath Hall, March 24, 2007, 6:00PM – 10:00PM
- B. Social Affair Permit: Florence Township Soccer Boosters, Roebling Fire House, February 10, 2007, 6:00PM
- C. Catering Permit: New Jersey State Police, Roebling Fire House, March 2, 2007, 4:00PM – Midnight

Council Member Ryan asked if the applications were in order? Joy Weiler, Township Clerk, stated that all applications were in order.

It was on the MOTION of Ryan, seconded by Fratinardo to approve the above applications:

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Fratinardo, Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

Motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nothing at this time.

All residents having an opportunity to be heard, MOTION by Sandusky; seconded by Garganio to close the public portion of the meeting. All ayes - motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-34

**APPROVE PAYMENT OF CURRENT ESTIMATE NO. 2 FINAL
FOR WELL NO. 5 REDEVELOPMENT
TO LAYNE CHRISTENSEN COMPANY
P.O. BOX 27, BEVERLY, NJ, 08010**

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-35

**AUTHORIZE RELEASE OF CASH BOND FOR
BEAZER HOMES FOR TREE PLANTING**
NOTE: Conditioned upon payment of any and all escrow funds due.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-36

**AUTHORIZE REDUCTION IN PERFORMANCE BOND
CEDAR LANE ASSOCIATES, BLOCK 163.02, LOTS 6 & 13.02
Bond No. B10144402**

NOTE: Conditioned upon payment of any escrow funds due.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-37

**RELEASE PERFORMANCE BOND FOR CEDAR LANE ASSOCIATES
BLOCK 163.02, LOTS 6 & 13.02
CONDITIONED UPON POSTING A MAINTENANCE BOND
Bond No. B172661**

NOTE: Conditioned upon payment of any escrow funds due.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-38

**AUTHORIZING THE TAX ASSESSOR OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE TO FILE APPEALS, OMITTED AND
ADDED ASSESSMENT APPEALS, AND ROLL BACK COMPLAINTS WITH
THE BURLINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION**

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-39

**AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF WATER AND SEWER AND THE
ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE
SPECIFICATIONS AND OBTAIN BIDS FOR
RADIO REMOTE WATER METERS**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Ryan that Resolutions 2007-34 through 2007-39 be approved.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Fratinardo, Garganio Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

ORDINANCES

Nothing at this time.

REPORTS

Committees, Boards and Officers

- Nothing at this time.

Mayor Muchowski

- Mayor Muchowski will be attending the Florence Township High School Football “Pit Club” Dinner this Friday evening where he will be presenting a proclamation to each player acknowledging their fourth consecutive State Championship.
- Mayor Muchowski thanked everyone for their support shown for the street names.
- Mayor Muchowski stated that he has been assisting with running the recreation basketball league in the community and in doing so has noticed that some of the rules in some leagues differ from rules in other leagues. He spoke with Assistant Administrator Sahol, who has begun to work with David Dennison, Recreation Director, on looking at guidelines and bylaws that may be able to be adopted for all leagues so they are uniform.
- Mayor Muchowski suggested posting the vacant positions for the various township boards on the Cable Access Channel.

Administrator

- Administrator Brook stated that the primary contact person for Lennar is no longer with the company. With Council’s approval, he would like to set up a meeting with Lennar and the township professionals to go over the open items. The professionals would then report back and Council could decide at that time if they would still like to meet with Lennar concerning the paving issue. Administrator Brook believes that it is a positive move that Lennar contacted the township and is aware of the strained relationship and that their Performance Bonds are in jeopardy. Council Members in agreement for the professionals to meet with Lennar. Council will receive a report in early February.

Assistant Administrator

- Nothing at this time.

Township Solicitor

- Nothing at this time.

Township Engineer

- Dan Guzzi, Township Engineer, and Mayor Muchowski explained a situation at the Crossroads East Development. The Planning Board approved the development with a 6’ wide tree easement outside of the right-of-way where the street trees are to be planted. This is to avoid the problems with the tree roots and sidewalks. Now there is a conflict with PSE&G because they do not want the trees that close to their utility easement. PSE&G is asking the developer to move back the tree planting closer to the houses, which would put the trees outside of the planting easement approved by the Planning Board. Mr. Guzzi asked if Council was comfortable handling administratively or would

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they rather refer back to the Planning Board? If the easement was moved, the same requirements to the homeowner would stand. Council Member Garganio requested that Mr. Guzzi look into the process for appealing PSE&G's decision. Will discuss further at the February Worksession.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council Member Garganio presented the following **Council Appointments** for consideration:

Robert Dulo: Advisory Committee on Economic Develop. & Redevelop. (unexpired 12/31/07)

Robert Dulo: Housing Authority (unexpired term ending 7/31/08)

William Bott: Citizens Committee on Landfill Matters (unexpired term ending 12/31/07)

It was on the MOTION of Ryan, seconded by Fratinardo to nominate **Robert Dulo** to the Advisory Committee on Economic Development & Redevelopment and the Housing Authority and **William Bott** to the Citizens Committee on Landfill Matters.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Fratinardo, Garganio Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

Mayor Muchowski presented the following **Mayor's Appointment**:

Terri Southerland: Recreation Committee (5 year, term ending 12/31/11)

It was on the MOTION of Garganio, seconded by Ryan to nominate **Terri Southerland** to the Recreation Committee.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Fratinardo, Garganio Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Nothing at this time.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Nothing at this time.

8:50 PM MOTION by Garganio, seconded by Sandusky to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote - all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

8:50 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER
Township Clerk

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